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KARACHI 0548 SENT ACTION ISLAMABAD DATED 1 FEB 78 REPEATED FOR
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C O N F I D E N T I A L KARACHI 0548

FOR DEA/C/A TARALLO FROM SAIC DINIUS

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(B) KARACHI 0108 R 090416Z JAN 78

1. MEETING WITH COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS MUSTAFA DELAYED DUE TO HIS
ABSENCE FROM POST. BELOW IS RESULTS OF MEETING HELD TODAY WITH
COLLECTOR FOR INCORPORATION IN ISLAMABAD RESPONSE TO REFTEL A.

2. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL A PARA 3A COLLECTOR ADVISED THAT 3 MONTH
COMMITMENT WAS BASED ON DEA INITIATIVE AND COMMITMENT TO ASSIST
IN FINANCING PROGRAM. COLLECTOR, FROM HIS LEVEL, IS MORE THAN
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WILLING TO PERMANENTLY INCORPORATE ANTI-NARCOTIC UNIT IN CUSTOMS
STRUCTURE CONSISTENT WITH REFTEL B. HOWEVER FINAL DECISION MUST
BE MADE BY CHAIRMAN CBR. COLLECTOR MUSTAFA HAS DISCUSSED
OPERATION POKER WITH THE CHAIRMAN CBR AND FEELS THERE WILL BE NO
PROBLEM TO RAPID COMMITMENT OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS FOR PERMANENT
ANTI-NARCOTIC UNIT AT KARACHI TO INSURE LONG RANGE RESULTS.
HOWEVER, FOR THIS PROGRAM TO BE VIABLE, DEA MUST CONTINUE TO

ASSIST IN INFORMANT FUNDING AND DEVELOPMENT SINCE CUSTOMS RESOURCES ARE INADEQUATE. COLLECTOR HAS REQUESTED A LETTER FROM KARACHI RO ADDRESSING THIS AND OTHER QUESTIONS FOR FORWARDING TO THE CHAIRMAN CBR WITH HIS COMMENTS. HE STRESSED THIS IS JUST A FORMALITY.

3. REF A PARA 3 B - COLLECTOR GAVE EMPHATIC "NO" TO USE OF PNCB JEEPS AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. HE CONTINUALLY STRESSES THE DESIRE ON THE PART OF CUSTOMS THAT THIS BE A CUSTOMS PROGRAM DIVORCED FROM PNCB INTERVENTION WHO THEY FEEL HAVE ATTEMPTED TO DOMINATE USG/PAKISTAN NARCOTIC EFFORTS TO THE DETRIMENT OF OTHER NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN PAKISTAN.

4. PAKISTAN CUSTOMS CURRENTLY HAS A SINGLE SIDE BAND RADIO SYSTEM CONSISTING OF A CANADIAN MARCONI XH14 RECEIVER AND A PH-17 TRANSMITTER AT CUSTOMS HOUSE WITH FOUR STATIONARY SUBSTATIONS WITHIN A 50 MILE RADIUS OF KARACHI. THEY HAVE NO LAUNCH RADIOS, WALKIE-TALKIES OR VEHICLE RADIOS. PAKISTAN CUSTOMS IS NEGOTIATING WITH STONER COMPANY CALIFORNIA FOR FURTHER RADIO EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER UNAVAILABILITY OF FUNDS WILL PREVENT FULL COMPLETION OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS. PRECISE RADIO EQUIPMENT, DETAILS OF THE STONER NEGOTIATIONS, NEEDS AND LAUNCH REQUIREMENTS WILL BE CABLED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

5. PER REF A PARA 3 C - KARACHI RO SEES NO NEED FOR A BOAT HANDLER FOR OPERATION POKER. THE RENTED LAUNCH WILL BE
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SUBSTANDARD AND UNFAMILIAR TO A U.S. BOAT HANDLER AND S/A DEMICCO, WITH EIGHT YEARS EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING SEAGOING CRAFT, CAN ASSIST DURING OPERATION. HOWEVER, IF THE USG FURNISHES NEW SEAGOING LAUNCHES A BOAT HANDLER SHOULD BE DETAILED TO FAMILIARIZE PAKISTAN CUSTOMS IN ITS USE AND MAINTENANCE.

6. PER REF A PARA 3E, PAKISTAN CUSTOMS BUDGET IS SUFFICIENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF SEAGOING CRAFT BUT ASSISTANCE WOULD BE NEEDED TO PAY FOR THE GAS UNTIL THEIR BUDGET COULD BE INCREASED. AS A SIDE NOTE CMLA ZIA TOURED KARACHI SEAPORT FACILITIES AND CUSTOMS HOUSE LAST WEEK. RANKING CUSTOMS OFFICERS STATE HE FOUND CONDITIONS DEPLORABLE AND INSTRUCTED THEM TO SPEND FIVE MILLION DOLLARS US YEARLY, IF NECESSARY, TO IMPROVE THE PORT, THEIR FACILITIES, AND PERFORMANCE. THE INTERESTING FACT IS THAT GENERAL ZIA STATED THAT THESE FUNDS COULD COME FROM CUSTOMS REVENUE.

7. PER REF A 3F - NO PER DIEM IS REQUIRED.

8. PER REF A PARA 4 - KARACHI RO AND COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS SUPPORT TDY ASSIGNMENT OF US CUSTOMS OFFICER TO PROVIDE EXPERTISE IN AREAS SUCH AS SHIP RUMMAGING AND PATROLLING. WE WOULD WELCOME HIS ASSISTANCE AND ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM AND FUTURE NEEDS.

9. KARACHI RO AND PAKISTAN CUSTOMS APPRECIATE SHORT LEAD TIME
AFFORDED WASH PLANNERS. HOWEVER, TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM AND RESPOND
TO INTELLIGENCE OF UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF SEAGOING CRAFT
OUTSIDE OUTER ANCHORAGE WE WOULD LIKE TO INITIATE PROGRAM NLT 15
FEB. POSSIBLE DEA RESOURCES COULD BE EXCLUSIVELY USED FOR THE 15
DAY PERIOD BEFORE 1 MARCH.
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